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Phil Cooper, manager of facilities planning design and construction, leads a media tour through a new operating room Thursday at the new Lakeland Medical Center Pavilion in St. Joseph. The 260,000-square-foot, five-floor building features a 12-suite operating room, pulmonary and cardiac rehabilitation facilities, as well as post-surgical and surgery pre-planning units.

State of the art

Lakeland's new 260,000-square-foot pavilion includes cutting edge technology, plus more space for patients, families and staff

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Becoming a state-of-the-art hospital doesn't happen overnight.

Sometimes it takes seven years, a few delays along the way and a pandemic to push the project to completion.

But Lakeland Medical Center's new 260,000-square-foot pavilion is now open and staff are excited about how it's going to improve patient care.

"Everything is the right size now. Staff are able to work with their colleagues more appropriately. Patients can more easily find the department they need to and get the procedures they need. And our technology is top of the line," said Philip Cooper, manager of facilities planning, design and construction for the hospital.

Cooper led a media tour of the hospital addition Thursday, which included spaces like the new intensive care unit (ICU), imaging rooms, cath labs, a surgery center, pulmonary and cardiac rehabilitation, and the central processing area, among others.

Some of the $168 million project replaced clinical areas that were between 35 and 60 years old.

The final phase of the project will begin in August. It will remodel a portion of the front of the hospital to connect the main entrance to the rest of the building and the pavilion.

Cooper said patients are going to be so much more comfortable in the new areas of the hospital, noting that the ICU rooms are significantly larger, allowing more family to be in the room.

Rebecca Saldana, a registered nurse intern, left, and Danelle Arnold, an RN, work at a nursing station near the new ICU on Thursday at the Lakeland Medical Center Pavilion in St. Joseph.

The project also included adding patients corridors, so patients can be transported to different departments more privately.

Nurses are now able to lift most patients themselves, with each room being equipped with a lift.

On the ICU floor, the nine nurses stations are positioned so they can keep an eye on two patient rooms at a time.

A square on the floor around the operating tables indicate where air is being filtered every two minutes with laminar flow technology. It's the only place in the hospital that is completely sterile.

"I think it is the first instance of laminar flow being done in Spectrum Health's hospital system. It's a very good technology," Cooper said.

Each operating room is

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Michigan weighs pros, cons of mask requirement for in-person voting

By DAVE BOUCHER
Detroit Free Press

Michigan residents are required to wear a mask in public places to combat the spread of the coronavirus, but many people – potentially millions – also plan to exercise their right to vote in person this year.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Thursday her administration is weighing the best way to keep voters safe if they head to the polls for the Aug. 4 primary.

"There are a lot of reasons to not mandate masks as people go to vote in person. There are a lot of reasons to mandate it," Whitmer said Thursday during a meeting with the Detroit Free Press editorial board.

"We want to encourage and enforce masking up, but we certainly recognize the inherent right to go in and cast your ballot."

The governor said no one will be denied the right to vote if they are not wearing a mask, and her office will have additional guidance for clerks on enforcement in the coming days.

Last week Whitmer expanded the mask mandate, requiring businesses refuse service or entry to people not wearing a facial covering. Violators may face a $500 fine.

But some business owners and law enforcement officials have criticized the ban. Sheriffs in Livingston and Van Buren counties have already said they will not enforce the mask requirement.

Whitmer said she has heard concerns from clerks about possible confrontations at polling places. Mike Hanley, the Saginaw County clerk, said some on his staff are worried.

The concerns come after at least two violent interactions in Michigan regarding wearing a mask, including a recent fight where one man stabbed another inside a store near Lansing.

The governor said there have been some "incredibly sad outcomes from people that are willing to wage a war over a facial covering" and acknowledged enforcement of the mask requirement is difficult. But she accused some sheriffs of avoiding enforcement for political reasons, and said the point of the mandate is to show people how they can slow or stop the spread of a deadly virus.

"I don't want to make a bunch of people into criminals. I don't anticipate penalizing everyone and having a million people have to pay fines. That's not the goal," Whitmer said.

"The goal is to encourage people to mask up and to understand why it's important."

There is a chance the mask requirement could lead to an altercation on Election Day, but Hanley said it's easy for those who do not want to wear a mask to

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Tempers run short at Shoreham meeting

Board orders up forensic audit to review financial books

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

SHOREHAM — A forensic audit was ordered by Village of Shoreham trustees near the end of an almost three-hour, often heated meeting Wednesday, which included charges of nepotism and possible financial mismanagement.

Village President Bruno Trapikas joined the five trustees in approving the forensic audit, even though he said he was "concerned about the needless cost."

The village receives a financial audit every two years, with the last one conduced in 2018, when auditors noted that because there is "not a complete segregation of duties, a fraud or misstatement could occur without being detected."

President Pro Tem Reneta Mais said trustees weren't given that information at the time and she only found out recently about this finding.

The auditors in the report suggested that village trustees get more involved in providing "oversight and independent review functions, and continue to look at ways to enhance controls with the existing staff."

But Mais said the opposite happened. She said that Trapikas took on the additional role of treasurer for over a year until a new treasurer was recently hired.

When contacted by phone after the meeting, Trapikas said that all of the trustees received copies of the audit for their review in 2018.

The minutes from September 2018, when the audit was presented by senior manager Alex Schaffer of Kruggel Lawton, state that the village's funds are nine times what they would need to be if they wanted to pursue a loan, and that the village was found to be financially accountable. No mention of the need for more oversight was in the minutes.

In addition, Mais said that Trapikas and his wife, village Clerk Debra Trapikas, are the only two people authorized to sign village checks. The clerk is a non-voting elected position.

Bruno Trapikas said he and his wife being the president and clerk isn't out of the norm for the small village. He said that the husband and wife team of Larry and Angie Larsen were the president and clerk for 18 years before he and his wife took on those positions in 2015. And by village charter, he said the president and clerk sign the checks.

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COVID-19 spike can be avoided in Kalamazoo region, epidemiologist says

By LINDSAY MOORE
mlive.com

KALAMAZOO — Kalamazoo-area residents can still prevent spikes in COVID-19 cases seen elsewhere in the state, a local epidemiologist said.

The concern remains high for Kalamazoo commuters who travel in and out of the Grand Rapids or Lansing where cases increased in recent weeks, Kalamazoo County epidemiologist Mary Franks said.

But the advice stays the same regardless of what ZIP code someone is driving through or working in.

If people continue to wear masks in public, social distance and avoid crowded areas, the Kalamazoo region can keep its infection rate low, Franks said. If not, then the region can expect to be in the red alongside its neighbors.

"It takes a team to do this," Franks said. "It can't just be a couple of responsible individuals carrying the whole community. It needs to be everyone. I don't know that (a spike) has to be inevitable, but it is inevitable if people are deliberately disobeying the recommendations and engaging in riskier behaviors."

The Kalamazoo region's positivity percentage just barely remains low risk at 2.9 percent according to state data on the MI Safe Start Map. The threshold for low risk is anything under 3 percent, according to the state.

This is a good sign for the region despite the medium to high level of risk with the rate of new cases, Franks said.

As of Monday, state data determined there were 36.3 new cases daily across Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch counties.

Seeing one category be low risk while another is medium to high can be confusing, Franks admits. But the distinction is in the percentage versus rate.

A positivity percentage is measuring how many tests came back positive compared to the number of tests. The daily case rate is the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases divided

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Trump's grand GOP convention plans shrink as virus surges

By ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's plans for a grand convention keep shrinking.

The Republican National Committee announced Thursday that it is sharply restricting attendance on three of the four nights of its convention in Jacksonville, Florida, next month.

As the GOP looks for ways to move forward while coronavirus cases are spiking in the state, party leader Ronna McDaniel said in a letter to RNC members that only the roughly 2,500 regular delegates to the convention would be permitted to attend the first three nights. Delegates, their guests and alternate delegates would be allowed for the final night, Aug. 27, when Trump is set to deliver his acceptance speech.

The GOP had already moved most of the convention from Charlotte, North Carolina, after local officials ruled out a full-capacity crowd during the pandemic.

"When we made these changes, we had hoped to be able to plan a traditional convention celebration to which we are all accustomed," McDaniel said.

"However, adjustments must be made to comply with state and local health guidelines."

In recent weeks, Florida has seen significant increases in confirmed cases. Jacksonville has instituted a face covering mandate, and the state is limiting gatherings to 50 percent of a venue's capacity.

The convention notice comes as Trump aides and allies have increasingly questioned whether the event is worth the trouble; some advocate scrapping it. Conventions are meant to lay out a candidate's vision for the coming four years, not spark months of intrigue over the health and safety of attendees, they have argued.

In the end, the decision about whether and how to move forward will be Trump's.

Thursday's announcement was expected to reduce the number of attendees – even regular delegates – who make the trip to Jacksonville, in most cases spending thousands of dollars of their own money to attend a convention that will lack many of the traditional festivities. Already some had been having second thoughts about going, given that some states have imposed 14-day quarantine orders on people returning from virus hot spots such as Florida.

"People coming from out of state, my guess is the guest list will be very small," said Florida Republican Party Chair Joe Gruters.

The RNC was working to determine a programming lineup for the event. McDaniel said the convention was planning to use indoor and outdoor spaces. GOP officials said the marquee evening program, including Trump's speech, was expected to take place outdoors to accommodate the largest crowd possible.

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Indiana
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05-10-27-28-41
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Attendees sit apart while listening to U.S. Attorney General William Barr speak at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, on Thursday.

Barr says U.S. now overly reliant on Chinese goods, services

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Pres

WASHINGTON — The United States has become overly reliant on Chinese goods and services, including face masks, medical gowns and other protective equipment designed to curb the spread of the coronavirus, Attorney General William Barr said Thursday as he also cautioned American business leaders against promoting policies favorable to Beijing.

The attorney general directly asserted that China had not only dominated the market on protective gear, exposing American dependence on Beijing, but also hoarded supplies and blocked producers from exporting to them to countries in need. He accused hackers linked to the Chinese government of targeting American universities and businesses to steal research related to vaccine development, leveling the allegation against Beijing hours after Western agencies made similar claims against Russia.

Barr's address at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, is part of a full-court press by the Trump administration to denounce China, including for its alleged economic espionage. It comes as President Donald Trump tries to fend off criticism of his handling of the coronavirus and to shift the blame back onto Beijing, and as he looks to position himself as tougher on China than Democratic rival Joe Biden.

"The People's Republic of China is now engaged in an economic blitzkrieg – an aggressive, orchestrated, whole-of-government (indeed, whole-of-society) campaign to seize the commanding heights of the global economy and to surpass the United States as the world's preeminent technological superpower," Barr said.

Administration officials in recent weeks have stepped up their rhetoric about China, with a New York Post opinion piece by national security adviser Robert O'Brien and a speech last week in which FBI Director Chris Wray detailed what he said were efforts by Beijing to steal American research and innovation. He said the FBI was opening a counterintelligence investigation related to China about every 10 hours.

Barr's speech amounted to a wide-ranging condemnation of what he said were Beijing's tactics to gain an economic upper hand in the 21st century, and to engage in influence campaigns touching diverse corners of American life, including business, politics and even entertainment.

He specifically warned American corporate leaders against pushing policies favorable to the Communist government, saying they could run afoul of federal foreign lobbying laws if they don't disclose their relationship with China.

"As China's government loses credibility around the world, the Department of Justice has seen more and more PRC officials and their proxies reaching out to corporate leaders and inveighing them to favor policies and actions favored by the Chinese Communist Party," Barr said. "Their objective varies, but their pitch is generally the same: the businessperson has economic interests in China, and there is a suggestion that things will go better (or worse) for them depending on their response to the PRC's request."

Similarly, he warned, universities that welcome Chinese-funded initiatives could unwittingly lose control of academic research. And he alleged that Hollywood had fallen influence to Beijing, too, accusing filmmakers of censoring themselves in line with Chinese propaganda.

"Globalization does not always point in the direction of greater freedom. A world marching to the beat of Communist China's drums will not be a hospitable one for institutions that depend on free markets, free trade, or the free exchange of ideas," Barr said.

Though Trump's administration has condemned China, the president's own relationship with Beijing has been complicated. He has spoken at times of a productive rapport with Chinese leader Xi Jinping, and former national security adviser John Bolton writes in a new book that Trump asked Xi for help with Trump's reelection bid.

3 more states share license data for citizenship efforts

By STEPHEN GROVES and MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Iowa, South Carolina and South Dakota have now joined Nebraska in agreeing to share state driver's license information with the U.S. Census Bureau to help the Trump administration to determine the citizenship status of every U.S. resident.

Until recently, Nebraska had been the sole state to sign an agreement with the Census Bureau to share the information. President Donald Trump ordered the Census Bureau last year to gather citizenship data from the administrative records of federal and state agencies after the U.S. Supreme Court blocked his administration's effort to place a citizenship question on the 2020 census questionnaire.

The overwhelming majority of states have refused to share information about driver's licenses and ID cards. The governors of the four cooperating states are Republicans. Their cooperation was first reported by NPR.

Opponents of gathering the citizenship data worry it will be used by states and local governments to redraw legislative boundaries using only U.S. citizens instead of the entire population. Doing so would be advantageous to Republicans and non-Hispanic whites, according to opponents.

Citizenship information in motor vehicle agencies is typically unreliable given that there is no reason for lawful residents to notify motor vehicle agencies when they become citizens, said Thomas Saenz, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

MALDEF is one of several civil rights groups challenging Trump's order in federal court in Maryland.

"Their task is to create a nationwide data base, so having three relatively small states provide them records doesn't get them very far as to what they want to do. They need a nationwide database," Saenz said. "I don't know what it shows other than if I were in one of those states, I would be angry that the state is offering up my information without my permission."

The Department of Commerce, which oversees the Census Bureau, says it has enough administrative records to determine the citizenship of almost 90 percent of the U.S. population, and records collected for the order would only fill in the remaining gaps

The agreement with South Carolina was signed earlier this month, and the Census Bureau is paying South Carolina $27,000 for the data. South Carolina law allows the sharing of information if it's for carrying out "legitimate government agency functions," Julie Roy, a spokeswoman for the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, said in an email.

South Dakota signed an agreement with the Census Bureau in April requiring it to send monthly driver's license information including names, addresses, birth dates and citizenship status. Since it requires proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful immigration status, South Dakota does not allow people who are in the country illegally to get a driver's license or ID card.

The data is to be used "solely for statistical purposes and not for program or administrative enforcement," according to the South Dakota agreement. Similar language is used in the agreements with Iowa and South Carolina. The agreements also limit the Census Bureau from sharing the data with other agencies.

The South Dakota Department of Safety released a statement saying its licensing program "is authorized to share information for use by any government agency in carrying out its functions."

Iowa began sending its data to the Census Bureau in March. In Iowa, only citizens or residents in the country legally can get a driver's license or ID card so citizenship status isn't included in its information.

House Democrats have filed legislation that would nullify Trump's order on gathering the citizenship data.

House Democrats investigating the origins of the failed citizenship question for the 2020 census said a Trump transition adviser was in contact with an influential Republican redistricting guru, Thomas Hofeller, when the citizenship question was being drafted in 2017. Hofeller advocated using voting-age citizens, instead of the total population, as the population base for redistricting. In documents that surfaced after his death in 2018, he acknowledged his intent was to help Republicans.

The 2020 census – a once-a-decade head count – helps determine how $1.5 trillion in federal spending is allocated and how many congressional seats each state gets.

Democrats say the attempt to gather the citizenship information is part of an ongoing effort by the Trump administration to politicize the Census Bureau. House Democrats have asked Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to withdraw the recent appointments of Nathaniel Cogley and Adam Korzeniewski to top agency positions, and the department's inspector general is looking into how they were hired.

Many residents in immigrant communities were already fearful about filling out the census, and the agreements with the states show Trump is attempting an "end run" around the Supreme Court ruling, said Taneeza Islam, an immigration lawyer who runs an advocacy organization called South Dakota Voices for Peace.

"Many people do not trust filling out government forms and this just adds another layer to that mistrust," Islam said.

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MDOT returns section of U.S. 12 back to 4 lanes

Decision is setback for bike trail project

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The "road diet" has ended for the 3.5 mile section of U.S. 12 between the state line and city of New Buffalo, Berrien County Commissioner Ezra Scott reported during Thursday's Berrien County Board meeting.

He said workers from the Michigan Department of Transportation restriped that section of highway from three lanes back to its original four earlier this week.

MDOT had restriped that section in May and planned to study this month how it was working out. But Scott said many people didn't like it and complained.

"It was just a debacle in how they got the cones out and the striping and the signage and everything," he said.

New Buffalo Township trustees voted earlier this month to ask MDOT to return U.S. 12 to its original pattern as soon as possible.

The decision also means that supporters of the Marquette Greenway Trail will have to find another way to extend the trail to the city of New Buffalo. The bike/pedestrian trail starts in Chicago's Calumet Park and runs along the lakeshore and through Indiana Dunes National Park before ending at the Indiana state line.

CARES Act

County Administrator Brian Dissette said his staff has been working hard to fill out the paperwork to meet tight deadlines so the county can hopefully receive money through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). He said officials from the state and the Michigan Municipal League provided an update last week on what money is available for.

"The good news is that there are funds available to help offset costs tied to the COVID-19 response," he said. "The bad news is ... it's essentially first come, first serve."

He said staff worked late to get the application for the First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program in by last Friday.

"This is for up to $1,000 for every person in law enforcement that has been working through the COVID-19 response," Dissette said.

That request is for $160,000.

He said another request for payroll reimbursement for $200,000 is expected to go out today.

"I have no way to determine what the state of Michigan will be doing, but your team here worked hard to get these applications turned around in a very quick manner," he said.

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TRUCK FIRE AT REST STOP

Photo provided / South Haven Area Emergency Services

A truck driver and his dog managed to escape injury Thursday morning after the tractor of the driver's big rig caught fire at a rest stop in Casco Township, several miles north of South Haven. The driver had just pulled into the rest area from the northbound lane of I-196 at 7:45 a.m. while en route to Holland when flames appeared in the engine area, according to a news release from South Haven Area Emergency Services. First responders from SHAES arrived and extinguished the blaze with water and foam. Earth-moving equipment that was being hauled on the trailer was not damaged from the flames.

Regional chamber alters networking initiatives

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
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ST. JOSEPH — The Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber has embraced technology during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a positive effect on its members and other local businesses.

Arthur Havlicek, president and CEO of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, said the organization had to adapt to the new environment – specifically when it came to their networking events.

"With the cancellations of these events, we thought about how we could fulfill this mission and to make this relevant to what's happening," Havlicek said. "Thanks to technology, we were able to successfully continue networking events using Zoom."

Through late March and early April, the chamber launched four new networking functions that have been well attended virtually.

Among them are the weekly 8 a.m. Coffee Chats on Tuesdays.

Participants discuss how the coronavirus has affected businesses and questions are answered regarding executive orders, guidelines and financial assistance programs.

Havlicek said Sarah Spoonholtz, also from the chamber, plays a pivotal role on setting up these calls and keeping them engaging.

The second network function are the Wine Down Mixers, which have a more relaxed atmosphere for attendees to talk about anything they want, giving them a social outlet in a time of isolation.

Havlicek said attendees are encouraged to grab a drink of their choice.

Industry Cluster Meetings bring professional peers together to discuss industry specific best practices and safety strategies. These best practices are then recommended to elected officials as guidelines for re-opening.

Havlicek said one notable meeting was with landscapers, prior to them being allowed to re-open.

"We got what would traditionally be competitors together on one call," he said. "They shared information with one another on the best safety guidelines, which I submitted to the state."

The chamber also partnered with Midwest Family Broadcasting to offer two free webinars on strategies to market their business during the pandemic.

One webinar discussed the results and consumer sentiments on COIVD-19. Havlicek said the intention is to give owners a handle on what they need to be thinking and how folks are feeling.

"They've been very appreciative, not just of this, but a lot for the work we've done through this," Havlicek said. "We're essentially a two-person operation serving more than 700 members. We actually gained a new member through this. We were just trying to be a resource in this business community."

Mark Rutherford, owner of CrazeVR in St. Joseph, said he joined an 8 a.m. Coffee Chat which has led to more business.

After a conversation with Havlicek, Rutherford met with city officials and created a virtual tour of downtown St. Joseph.

"It's more networking that you normally wouldn't get," Rutherford said of the chamber's virtual efforts. "The person running the airport, I never met him before. But we started talking about drones and possibly attaching my camera to a drone to take pictures."

Rutherford said he can see more businesses taking a virtual approach for networking purposes and customers.

He cites the time it saves and how different commerce will be once the pandemic ends.

"About 75 percent of my business comes from networking. That speaks for itself," Rutherford said. "Now we can help each other. I know someone you don't know, and you know someone I don't."

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Preliminary hearing starts in suspected arson case

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A Benton Township police officer told a Berrien County Trial Court judge on Thursday that he smelled gasoline at the scene of a house fire in March.

Officer Scott Scalf, who is a fire investigator for the Benton Township Police Department, told Trial Court Judge Charles LaSata that he'd been called to the scene at 1608 Lillian St. in Benton Township because firefighters thought the blaze was suspicious.

No one was home at the rental house at the time, but the garage was damaged and areas inside the house were charred, Scalf told the court.

He was testifying in a preliminary hearing for Jessica Mercado-Rodriguez, 27, of Dayton, Ohio, who is charged with second-degree arson in the case. The hearing began Thursday and is expected to finish next week.

Mercado-Rodriguez appeared by video from the Berrien County jail, where she is awaiting trial in a separate, more serious case. Following an earlier probable cause hearing, she was bound over for trial on second-degree arson charges and four counts of attempted murder in connection with a fire at her brother's home in Lincoln Township. In that case, she is alleged to have set fire to the house while her brother, Juan Mercado Sr., his four children and two other adults were inside.

Both fires happened the night of March 25. Lt. David Zizkobsky with the Berrien County Sheriff's Department testified Thursday that police dispatchers had put out a description of a car suspected to have been involved in the fire in Benton Township. While at the scene of the fire in Lincoln Township, which also was determined to be suspected arson, Zizkobsky saw the suspect vehicle, which was then connected to Mercado-Rodriguez. On the ground not far from the vehicle was a gas can with no cap on it, Zizkobsky testified.

Mercado-Rodriguez was arrested outside her sister's home at the Spring Lake Mobile Home Park at 604 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville. According to testimony, she'd gone there and told her sister and her nephew that she had set fire to her brother's house, which is also at the trailer park.

According to charging documents, Mercado-Rodriguez allegedly told police she had started the fire because she thought her brother's wife was having an affair with her husband. She allegedly said she thought her brother was at work and thought his children, who range in age from 4 to 13, were home alone.

Mercado-Rodriguez's lawyer, Tat Parish, has cross-examined witnesses regarding his client's mental state and possible intoxication the night of the fires.

Most witnesses have said she appeared drunk. Lincoln Township Police Patrolman Todd Hopke testified Thursday that she vomited in his patrol car.

Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Eric Dark said he will call two more witnesses when the hearing resumes sometime next week. Outside the courtroom, Dark said he cannot say right now what the connection is between the two fires, but that future testimony "will connect the dots."

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IN BRIEF

Cass County records 7th COVID-19 death

Cass County recorded another COVID-19 death Thursday, bringing the county's death toll to seven.

Though cases have been seeming to rise in the county, it recorded just one new case on Thursday.

Van Buren County gained zero new cases on Thursday, after several days of increasing numbers as well. The county still has eight recorded deaths.

Berrien County gained eight new cases and three new recoveries Thursday.

This brings the county's active case count to about 110. The county still has 60 recorded deaths.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating six COVID-19 patients as of early Thursday afternoon.

Agency orders hearing for bar tied to outbreak

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan liquor regulators on Thursday ordered an East Lansing bar to answer questions about a coronavirus outbreak that infected 186 people and was a factor in Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's decision to halt indoor service at establishments that chiefly sell alcohol.

A hearing, scheduled for July 23, could result in a license suspension or revocation for Harper's Restaurant and Brewpub, which currently is closed. But the purpose primarily is fact-finding, said Jeannie Vogel, spokeswoman for the state Liquor Control Commission.

The outbreak occurred last month and attracted widespread attention, shortly after bars and restaurants were allowed to reopen for in-person service following a monthslong shutdown to slow the spread of the disease. The order points to news outlets having shown large crowds inside the bar not adhering to social distancing or wearing masks despite the governor's order, which allowed customers to remove their face coverings only while seated.

Regulators want Harper's to "show cause" as to the status of its licenses, answer questions on what steps it took or failed to take to comply with the governor's measure, and demonstrate that its plan for reopening will protect patrons and employees from another outbreak. Of the 186 COVID-19 cases linked to the bar, 144 of the infected people visited the establishment and 42 others were likely infected by someone who went there, said Ingham County Health Department spokeswoman Amanda Darche.

A message seeking comment was left with Harper's owners.

Following the outbreak, which was linked to customers who visited June 12-20, Whitmer issued an order requiring that on-premises establishments outside of northern Michigan close for indoor service if more than 70 percent of their gross receipts are from alcohol sales. A 50 percent capacity cap also remains in place.

Ingham County, where Harper's is located, this week relaxed an order that further limited restaurants' capacity to no more than 75 people, noting that cases had trended downward.

The state health department on Thursday reported 645 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases and 16 deaths, including 13 deaths that occurred weeks or days earlier. The seven-day average of cases remained on the rise, though deaths and hospitalizations – there were roughly 540 COVID-19 patients in Michigan hospitals as of Wednesday – continued to hold steady, according to an Associated Press analysis of data compiled by The COVID Tracking Project.

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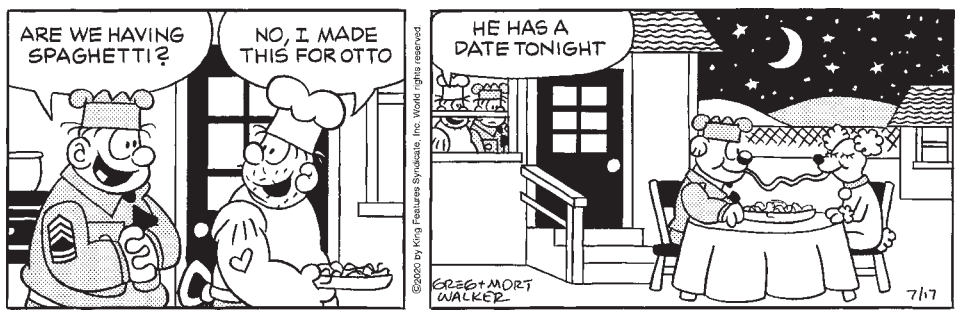
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NO, I MADE THIS FOR OTTO
HE HAS A DATE TONIGHT
GREG+MORT WALKER
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BLONDIE

BOSS, SOMEONE STOLE MY GARLIC SALAD FROM THE BREAK ROOM REFRIGERATOR AGAIN!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH MISSING GARLIC SALADS RIGHT NOW, BUMSTEAD
HEY, I KNOW GARLIC BREATH WHEN I SMELL IT!
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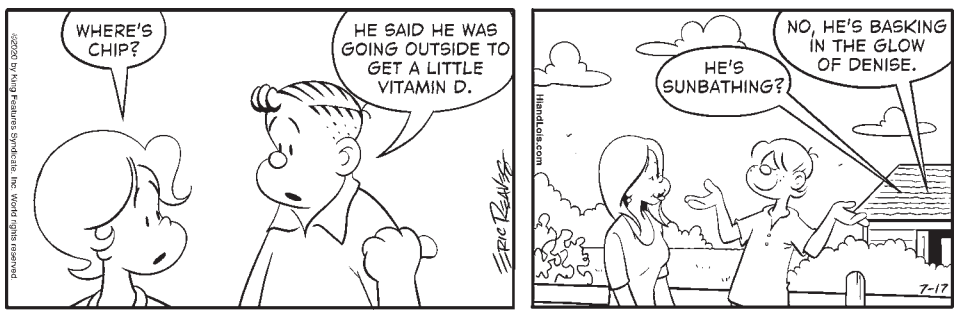
WHERE'S CHIP?
HE SAID HE WAS GOING OUTSIDE TO GET A LITTLE VITAMIN D.
HE'S SUNBATHING?
NO, HE'S BASKING IN THE GLOW OF DENISE.
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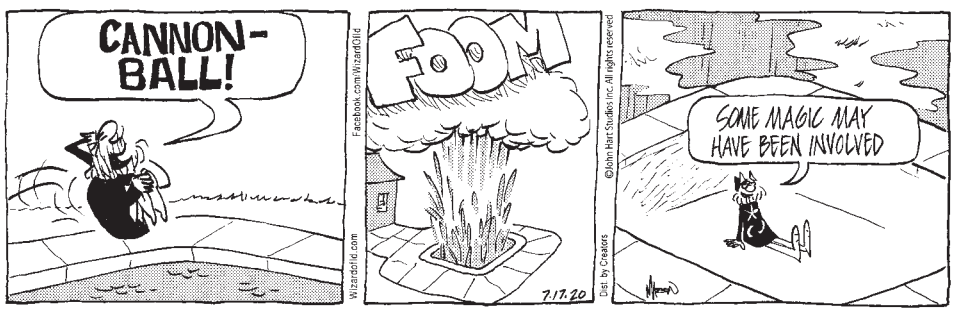

DILBERT

I WAS FALSELY ACCUSED OF BEING A WHITE SUPREMACIST AND FIRED.
BUT I WON IN ARBITRATION AND GOT MY JOB BACK!
HOW DID YOU WIN?
BRIBERY. ONCE YOU REALIZE THE WHOLE SYSTEM IS ROTTEN, IT'S EASIER.
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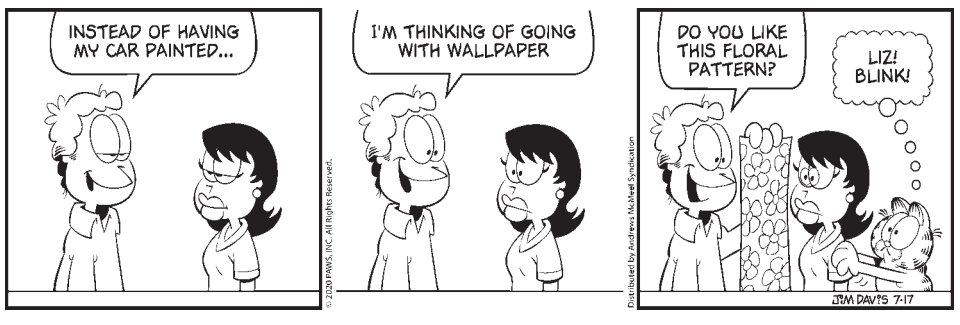
INSTEAD OF HAVING MY CAR PAINTED...
I'M THINKING OF GOING WITH WALLPAPER
DO YOU LIKE THIS FLORAL PATTERN?
LIZ! BLINK!
JIM DAVIS 7-17
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FORT KNOX

PICKLES

I SHOULD DO SOME LAUNDRY.
NO. YOU JUST STAY RIGHT THERE, OPAL. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE LAUNDRY.
IS THERE AN EASY WAY TO TELL WHICH IS THE WASHER AND WHICH IS THE DRYER?
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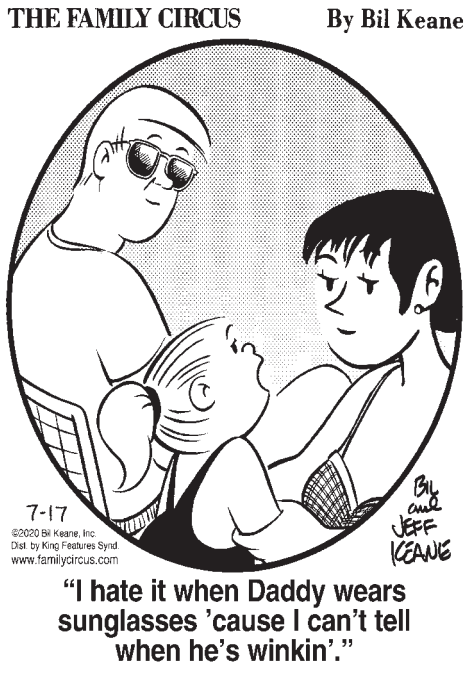
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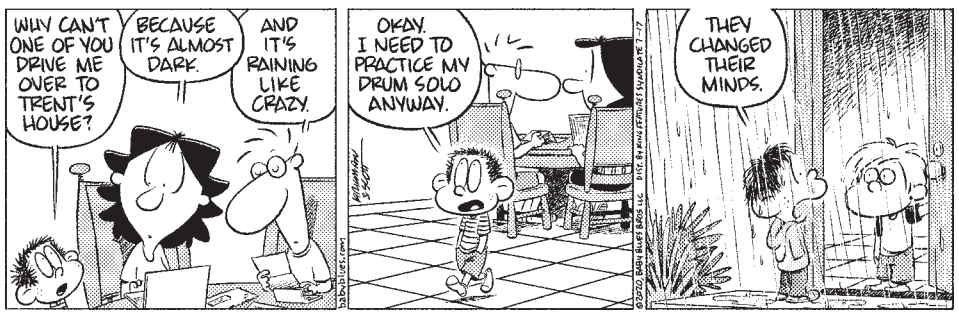
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"I hate it when Daddy wears sunglasses 'cause I can't tell when he's winkin'."

BABY BLUES


WHY CAN'T ONE OF YOU DRIVE ME OVER TO TRENT'S HOUSE?
BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST DARK.
AND IT'S RAINING LIKE CRAZY.
OKAY. I NEED TO PRACTICE MY DRUM SOLO ANYWAY.
THEY CHANGED THEIR MINDS.
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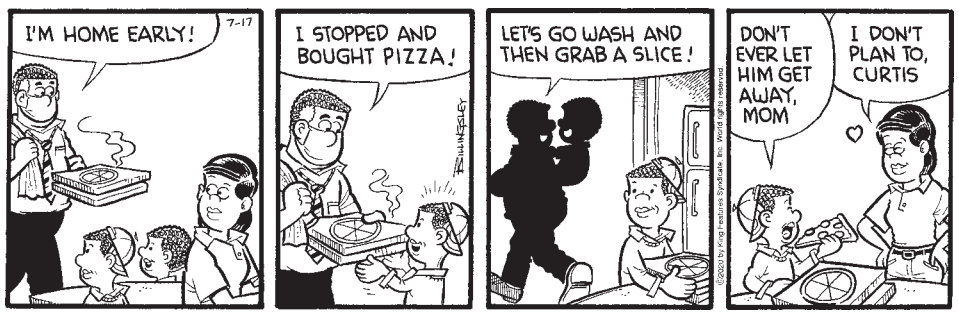
CURTIS


I'M HOME EARLY!
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I STOPPED AND BOUGHT PIZZA!
LET'S GO WASH AND THEN GRAB A SLICE!
DON'T EVER LET HIM GET AWAY, MOM
I DON'T PLAN TO, CURTIS
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ZITS

Dad is on furlough today. — Ed.
MY COMPUTER FROZE TODAY.
DID YOU RESTART IT?
YES. AND THEN IT WAS FINE.
THAT USUALLY WORKS.
SOMEBODY SHOULD SAY SOMETHING CLUELESS TO MAKE THIS FUNNY.
LEAVE DAD A NOTE. HE'LL BE BACK TOMORROW.
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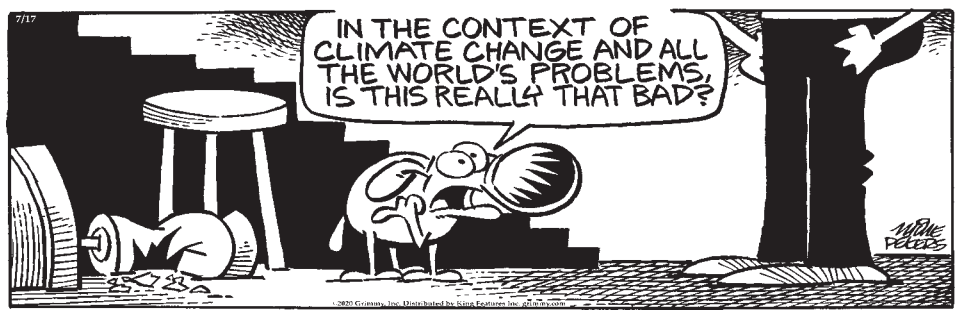
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IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ALL THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS, IS THIS REALLY THAT BAD?
MIKE PETERS
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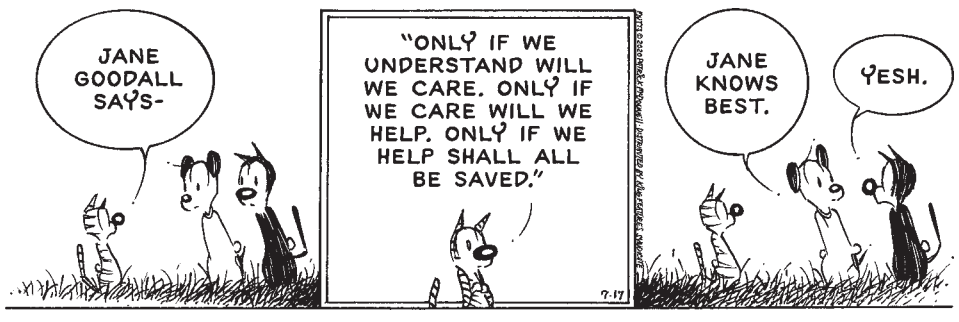
JANE GOODALL SAYS-
"ONLY IF WE UNDERSTAND WILL WE CARE. ONLY IF WE CARE WILL WE HELP. ONLY IF WE HELP SHALL ALL BE SAVED."
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JANE KNOWS BEST.
YESH.
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SALLY FORTH

DAD? IS THAT YOU? WHAT'S... WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU'RE RELIVING OLD SUMMER FAMILY VACATIONS, REMEMBER? THIS IS OUR TRIP.
YOU... YOU DON'T SOUND RIGHT.
I THINK YOU'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT I SOUND LIKE.
WHY DOES THE MAKE AND MODEL OF THIS CAR KEEP CHANGING?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU THOUGHT OF THIS MOMENT. BUT THE DETAILS WILL SORT THEMSELVES OUT SOON ENOUGH.
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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING JULY 17

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver CC		Magnum P.I. "Day I Met the Devil" CC		Blue Bloods "Where the Truth Lies"	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Wall "Essence and Valencia" CC		Dateline NBC (N) CC			
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Overheard	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	Great Performances at the Met Folk opera set in 1920s Charleston. (N) CC			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "8:30 PM" CC		CSI: Miami "Happy Birthday" CC		CSI: Miami "Match Made in Hell" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Caleb's horse is ill.		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	★★★ Ferris Bueller's Day Off ('86, Comedy) Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck, Mia Sara. CC					Friday Night In	Summer Rental
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N)				River Monsters	
BET	★★★ House Party		:35 ★★ All About the Benjamins ('02) Ice Cube.				
Big Ten	Illinois Basketball		B1G	Illinois Basketball		Big Ten Elite CC	
Bravo	6:54 Below Deck	7:57 Below Deck "Au Revoir!" CC		30 Rock: A One-Time Special CC		Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
Cartoon	We Bare	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	5:45 Widows	★★★ Us ('19, Horror) Lupita Nyong'o, Winston Duke. (P). CC				★★ Final Destination 5 ('11) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Jay Leno	Jay Leno's Garage		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	OutFront	Cuomo Prime Time		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold (N) CC		:03 Dino Hunters "We Got Skull" (N)		:05 Mysteries of the Deep CC	
Disney	Sing-	Sydney	Coop	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	:00 ★★ Legally Blonde			30 Rock-Special		Never Been Kissed	
ESPN	TBA	MLS Soccer: Group Stage					MLS
ESPN2	Soccer	Around	Pardon	To Be Announced			
ESPNC	:00 Tennis			Classic-Boxing		MLB Baseball	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive		Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Sports	MLB Baseball From Turner Field in Atlanta.					
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Despicable Me ('10) Voices of Steve Carell. CC			★★★ Despicable Me 2 ('13) Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig. CC			
FX	★★ Ride Along 2	★★★ Blockers ('18, Comedy) Leslie Mann, Ike Barinholtz, John Cena. CC				★★★ Blockers ('18) Leslie Mann.	
Golf	PGA Tour Golf The Memorial Tournament, Second Round. CC						
Hallmark	The Mistletoe	Mingle All the Way ('18, Romance-Comedy) Jen Lilley, Brant Daugherty. CC				Christmas Next Door ('17) CC	
HBO	:45 ★★★ John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19, Action) Keanu Reeves, Halle Berry. CC					Perry Mason "Chapter Four" CC	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens CC		:02 Ancient Aliens		:05 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Love-List	Dream	Dream	Color Splash		Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)				90 Day	90 Day
Lifetime	Stolen-Mother	Maternal Secrets ('18, Suspense) Kate Mansi, Kelly McGillis, Brooke Burfitt. CC				:03 Dying for Motherhood ('20)	
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Baseball	Chicago Blackhawks Rewind (N)					Baseball
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Total Access		Sticks	Sticks	Around the NFL	
Nick	Cake	Unfiltered	Dylan	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		:03 Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) CC		30 Rock: A One-Time Special CC		Snapped A man is kidnapped and shot.	
Parmt	Two Men	★★ S.W.A.T. ('03) Samuel L. Jackson. CC					Expend 3
Showtime	★★ The Upside	Waves ('19, Drama) Kelvin Harrison Jr., Taylor Russell. (P). CC				:15 Boxing CC	
Starz	Charlie's Angels	★★ Think Like a Man ('12) Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara, Meagan Good. CC				:05 Hightown "Blessed" CC	
STZENC	:15 ★★★ RoboCop ('87) Peter Weller, Nancy Allen. CC			★★ Tears of the Sun ('03, Action) Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci. CC			
SyFy	:00 ★★ Underworld: Blood Wars ('16) Theo James			30 Rock: A One-Time Special CC		Resident Evil: The Final Chapter	
TBS	The Jungle Book	★★★ Black Panther ('18) Chadwick Boseman. Black Panther springs into action when an old enemy returns. CC (DVS)					
TCM	The Long Gray Line	★★★★ How Green Was My Valley ('41) Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara. CC				:15 ★★★★ The Grapes of Wrath	
TMC	United-Leland	★★★ Steel Magnolias ('89, Comedy-Drama) Sally Field, Dolly Parton. CC				My Best Friend's Wedding	
TNT	:00 Bones	★★ Rampage ('18) Dwayne Johnson.				Kill Bill: Vol. 1	
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files		The Dead Files "Violent Visitors" (N) CC			
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Seven Indictments"		30 Rock: A One-Time Special CC		Chicago P.D. "Emotional Proximity"	
VH1	RuPaul's	RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars (N) CC				50 First Dates	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Graves' disease causes hyperthyroidism

DEAR DOCTOR: I saw my doctor because my heart was beating funny and I was losing weight even though I wasn't dieting. She did a blood test, and it turns out to be Graves' disease. Why did I get that? Is there a cure?

DEAR READER: When someone has Graves' disease, it means a malfunction of their immune system has caused their thyroid gland to become too active. Known as hyperthyroidism, it's a condition that causes the overproduction of thyroid hormones. Since these hormones play an important regulatory role in many parts of the body, the symptoms of Graves' disease can be quite varied.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

The thyroid is part of the collection of glands located throughout the body known as the endocrine system. Their job is to produce hormones, which are chemical messengers. They regulate bodily processes such as metabolism, sleep, mood, growth and development, reproduction, tissue function and sexual function, to name just a few.

The thyroid itself is a small gland. It weighs less than an ounce and is shaped roughly like a butterfly. It's located at the base of the throat, just below the larynx, and consists of a pair of matching lobes that sit on either side of the windpipe. The thyroid takes the iodine in our diet and manufactures two main hormones, which help regulate vital functions throughout the body. These include heart rate, body weight, body temperature, muscle strength, breathing, cholesterol levels, the central and peripheral nervous systems, and in women, menstrual cycles. So you can see how any malfunction of the thyroid can have a wide-ranging effect on general health.

When it comes to Graves' disease, the cause is unknown. It usually develops before the age of 40, and is more common in women than in men. People with existing autoimmune disorders are at increased risk of developing Graves' disease, and family history can play a role. Cigarette smoking is a risk factor, as well.

Symptoms of Graves' disease include the unexplained weight loss and irregular heartbeat that you experienced, as well as anxiety or irritability, sleep disturbance, fatigue, reduced libido, sensitivity to heat, and tremor in the fingers or hands. Some people develop Graves' ophthalmopathy, which is a collection of eye-related symptoms such as pressure, grittiness, light sensitivity and vision problems. Graves' dermopathy, which is rare, causes the skin on the shins or tops of the feet to thicken and become red.

Diagnosis is via blood tests to determine thyroid hormone levels, imaging tests to look at the size of the thyroid or tests that assess the rate at which the thyroid is using iodine. There is no cure at this time. Instead, treatment focuses on slowing thyroid activity. This can be achieved through radioactive iodine therapy, which gradually destroys overactive thyroid cells; medications that either interfere with the thyroid's ability to produce hormones or block the effects of thyroid hormones on the body; or thyroid surgery. Lifestyle changes such as a healthful diet, regular exercise and doing what you can to ease stress are also important for managing the condition. Complications can be serious, including heart disorders and problems during pregnancy, so it's important to seek treatment.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450, Los Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Getting out of a bad living situation with boyfriend and his adult son

DEAR CAROLYN: My retired boyfriend's 45-year-old son has lived with us for two years and doesn't want me there. He gets drunk almost every day, works sporadic jobs, and he and my boyfriend smoke pot all day every day, which drives me nuts, although I've learned to live with it. Son will inherit house when my boyfriend dies, and it seems to me he is just biding his time, taking advantage of his dad by not paying rent, food, utilities, etc., and playing on his sympathies and soft nature, until Dad kicks the bucket. At which point I would be immediately kicked out, of course. I have several empty boxes for my stuff should that happen suddenly.

Carolyn Hax

I try to avoid the son, but it is a small house and not always possible.

I love my boyfriend and he loves me but he likes to just cruise along, high most of the time, peace and love. I don't know how many more years I can continue to live this way.

I want to move to another state that I prefer anyway, as my job is in high demand everywhere. Should I leave someone I love who loves me, or stay in a hostile, drug- and alcohol-filled environment? – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: The snark began rising in me at your second sentence, and is now pushing at my fingertips. "It's obvious," it wants to say, "your reluctance to forsake this Camelot."

But it's not appropriate. "(S)omeone I love who loves me" is not to be lightly dismissed. And you have a secure, if uncomfortable, home. This is also nothing to be flippant about, especially now. And you aren't young, yes? So starting over is still possible mid-pandemic, but your margin for error might be smaller than either of us realizes.

Clearly inertia and rationalization are at work here, not just love, but I also wonder if you aren't somewhat anchored by concern for your boyfriend. There's a predatory element to the son, as you've described him.

So I am still inclined to answer as the snark would – get! out! – but with great caution. Prioritize your security, research your options first.

And consider your boyfriend's well-being, too. Would it behoove you to take him with you? Would he go? Instead of leaving the house upon his death, perhaps he'll leave the house now to postpone it.

DEAR CAROLYN: I am recently retired. I had a demanding but very lucrative job. My wife did not work outside the home. We prospered largely because while I made the money, she did everything else. Kids, home, finances, you name it. She is wonderful and we have a great family.

Recently, she has been complaining that now that I am not working, it's time to do more chores at home. I know she is right, but I don't want to go from big job to domestic help. Am I being a jerk? – Retired

RETIRED: Yes. Stop it.

Your wife had a demanding job, got no money for it and never gets to retire.

So don't do "more" chores, don't "help." Carry your entire share of the domestic weight, because anything less says you care more about your ego than you do about her.

If Nelson Mandela could make his own bed, then certainly you can, too.

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4 Pipe material
7 Bubble up
11 Harry Potter's messenger
12 Place to hibernate
14 A Guthrie
15 Gosh!
16 Pierce portrayer
17 Go first
18 Rococo
20 Chant
22 Loved one
23 "Simpsons" bartender
24 Jacket choice
27 Great fear
30 Electrical units
31 Fish for salads
32 Modicum
34 Taro dish
35 Orange coating
36 Blarney Stone site
37 Charge
39 Auto-racing family
40 Bic filler
41 Some
42 Michener novel
45 Wildflower habitat
49 Sharif of the movies
50 Wine-making valley
52 Tavern fare
53 Coca-Cola or Pepsi
54 Lots of qts.
55 Actor — Gibson
56 — bien, monsieur!
57 "— Jude"
58 Streamlined housing

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6 England's FBI
7 Stumble
8 Layered cookie
9 Early DJ — Freed
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19 Primates
21 Director — Ephron
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25 Cowboy's shout
26 Radiate
27 Elephant tooth
28 Elevator name
29 Not often seen
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33 The, to Wolfgang
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36 Irish chanteuse
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51 Contented sigh

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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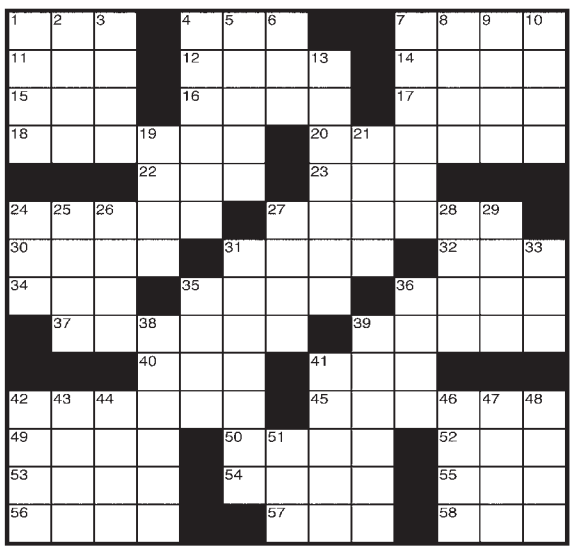

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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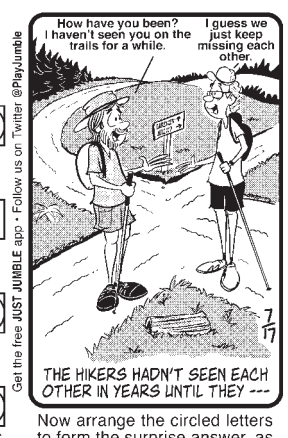
CRAKT

TOSOHM

VANDEI


How have you been? I haven't seen you on the trails for a while.
I guess we just keep missing each other.
THE HIKERS HADN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN YEARS UNTIL THEY ---
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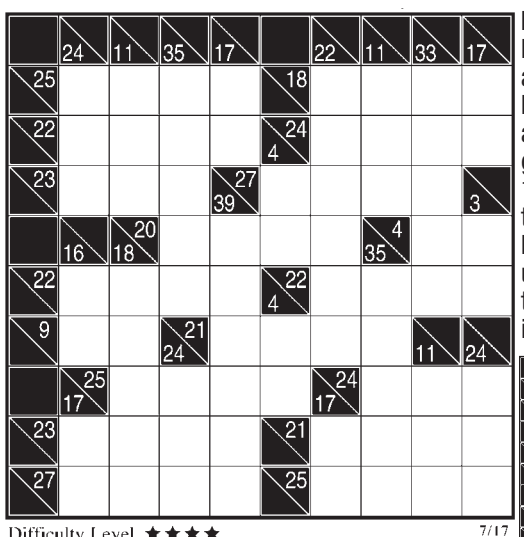
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

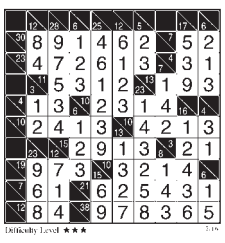
Yesterday's Jumbles: ADAGE SURLY GOATEE THATCH
Answer: The problem with his ears was just wax buildup, which he was — GLAD TO HEAR

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/17

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/17

BRIDGE

Peter Drucker, who was an influential thinker about management, wrote, "'Management' means, in the last analysis, the substitution of thought for brawn and muscle, of knowledge for folklore and superstition, and of cooperation for force."

Say the word "analysis" to most people, and they think of psychiatry. Someone defined psychiatry as the care of the id by the odd. Mention analysis to most bridge players, and they smile. "Yes," they say, "I analyze every deal carefully." Is that the care of the id by the ego?

East analyzed today's deal correctly. Lie on the couch and look at only the North and East hands. Against four spades, West leads the heart four: five, king, three. How should East continue?

In the auction, South's three-club rebid was New Minor Forcing.

Most players would cash the heart ace and shift to a diamond. They would hope to collect two black-suit tricks. But, as you can see, declarer immediately claims 10 tricks: five spades and five diamonds.

This East paused to assess the prospects. He had 13 points, there were 18 in the dummy, and declarer rated to have at least 6. That left at most three for West.

East could see four potential tricks, two in hearts and two in clubs, if he could get his partner on play for a club lead through dummy's king. How could that be achieved? Well, West had led a low heart, which guaranteed an honor in the suit. At trick two, East returned the heart seven. West won with his queen and had no trouble in finding the killing club switch. Well defended!

North 07-17-20
♠ K Q 9
♥ J 5
♦ A K Q 10 2
♣ K 9 8

West
♠ 5 3
♥ Q 9 6 4 2
♦ 8 4
♣ 7 6 4 2

East
♠ 8 7 2
♥ A K 10 7
♦ 9 5 3
♣ A Q 5

South
♠ A J 10 6 4
♥ 8 3
♦ J 7 6
♣ J 10 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

		4	8	1			9	
				9	5			
5				7	6			1
2	4						8	
3			7	5	8			2
	5						7	3
6			3	2				8
			1	6				
	2			8	4	6		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	7	2	4	3	1	9	6	5
4	1	9	8	6	5	2	7	3
3	6	5	2	9	7	1	4	8
1	9	8	7	4	6	3	5	2
6	3	7	5	8	2	4	1	9
2	5	4	3	1	9	6	8	7
5	2	3	1	7	4	8	9	6
9	8	1	6	5	3	7	2	4
7	4	6	9	2	8	5	3	1

List of retailers requiring masks is growing

CVS, Target join growing number of national chains with mask mandates

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Target, CVS Health and Publix Super Markets on Thursday joined the growing list of national chains that will require customers to wear face masks regardless of where cities or states stand on the issue.

Target's mandatory face mask policy will go into effect Aug. 1, and all CVS stores will begin requiring them on Monday. Publix Super Markets Inc., based in Lakeland, Florida, said that its rule will kick in on Tuesday at all 1,200 stores.

More than 80 percent of Target's 1,800 stores already require customers to wear masks due to local and state regulations. Target will hand out masks at entrances to those who need them.

The announcements come one day after the nation's largest retailer, Walmart, said that it would mandate face shields for all customers starting Monday.

Starbucks, Best Buy, Kohl's and Kroger Co. have also announced mandatory masks nationwide in recent days.

Retailers have hesitated to make masks mandatory nationwide out of fear of angering some customers over what, even in a pandemic, has become a political issue.

They have been reluctant to put employees in the position of becoming enforcers. Confrontations with customers and store employees have played out in multiple incidents caught on video.

It was difficult to enforce such rules even in states that mandate face masks. However, the recent surge of new virus cases – particularly in Florida, California, Texas and Arizona – has left them with no choice, retail experts say.

"To be clear, we're not asking our store employees to play the role of enforcer, " said Jon Roberts, the chief operating officer at CVS. "What we are asking is that customers help protect themselves and those around them by listening to the experts and heeding the call to wear a face covering."

MARKETS

July 16, 2020
Dow Jones industrials
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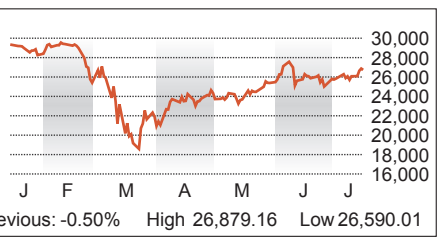

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July 16, 2020
Nasdaq composite
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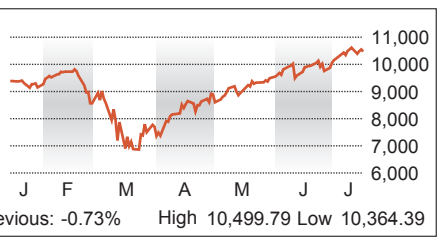
10,473.83



Pct. change from previous: -0.73% High 10,499.79 Low 10,364.39

Amer Elec Power AEP
$85.09 **+.41 +.5%**
▲ **4-wk.** +4.1% ▼ **YTD** -10.0%

Whirlpool WHR
$144.31 **+1.17 +.8%**
▲ **4-wk.** +14.0% ▼ **YTD** -2.2%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	30.39	+.38	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	85.09	+.41	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	192.58	399.82	386.09	-4.81	-1.2	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1149.32	+.09	...	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	41.08	23.72	-.09	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	60.33	+.59	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	46.15	-.25	-0.5	▲	▼	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	42.14	+.18	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	173.42	+1.03	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	119.43	-1.47	-1.2	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	96.63	+.92	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	77.74	44.28	-.35	-0.8	▲	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	19.16	-.01	-0.1	▲	▼	▼
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	35.29	+.33	+0.9	▲	▲	▼
FordM	F	3.96	10.56	6.86	+.12	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.05	-.09	-1.3	▲	▼	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	261.29	258.08	+.28	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	9.95	-.14	-1.4	▲	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	9.07	-.04	-0.4	▲	▼	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	178.14	168.46	+.34	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	124.01	+1.01	+0.8	▲	▼	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	100.01	+.28	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	149.25	+.99	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
Lowes	LOW	60.00	142.34	142.75	+1.53	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.93	190.92	-.85	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	130.78	216.38	203.92	-4.12	-2.0	▼	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	23.19	+.14	+0.6	▲	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	57.82	-.28	-0.5	▲	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	43.23	35.60	-.12	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	128.09	124.76	+.26	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	84.60	+.30	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	11.33	-.01	-0.1	▲	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	186.59	-2.03	-1.1	▲	▼	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	28.71	+.09	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
Target	TGT	80.03	130.24	121.95	+.28	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	141.85	142.15	+2.95	+2.1	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	119.74	+.53	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	55.78	+.72	+1.3	▲	▼	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	87.76	+.30	+0.3	▼	▼	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	134.13	132.20	+.20	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	41.35	+.67	+1.6	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	22.23	-.22	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	144.31	+1.17	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	37.19	-.26	-0.7	▲	▲	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	80.17	-.01	...	▲	▼	▲

Spacecraft's photos of the sun show 'campfires'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A European and NASA spacecraft has snapped the closest pictures ever taken of the sun, revealing countless little "campfires" flaring everywhere.

Scientists on Thursday released the first images taken by Solar Orbiter, launched from Cape Canaveral in February.

The orbiter was about 48 million miles from the sun – about halfway between Earth and the sun – when it took the stunning high-resolution pictures last month.

NASA's Parker Solar Probe is flying much closer to the sun than Solar Orbiter – too close for cameras to safely photograph the sun. Its lone camera faces away from the sun to observe the solar wind.

That's why Solar Orbiter's new pictures showing vibrant swirls of yellow and dark smoky gray – the first images from so close and at such small scale – are so precious. The team had to create a new vocabulary to name these tiny flare-ups, said European Space Agency project scientist Daniel Muller.

Muller described the observed multitude of "campfires" shooting into the corona, or sun's crown-like outer atmosphere, as quite possibly "the tiny cousins of the solar flares that we already know." Millions if not billions of times smaller, these tiny flares may be heating the corona, he said, long known to be hundreds of times hotter than the actual solar surface for unknown reasons.

The Royal Observatory of Belgium's David Berghmans, principal scientist of the instrument that captured the images, said he was blown away. He said his first response was: "This is not possible. It cannot be that good."

"It was really much better than we expected, but what we dared to hope for," Berghmans said.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Holly Dienes and Ryan Kitron, 7:11 a.m. July 10.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, Yolanda Washington and Terrance Allen, 10:16 a.m. July 13.

Coloma – Girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, Alexandria Ellis and Jason Irvin, 6:35 a.m. July 12.

Coloma – Twin boys, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and 6 pounds, 10 ounces, Elizabeth Gray-Roll and Marcus Roll, 8:02 and 8:03 p.m. July 11.

Sodus – Boy, 8 pounds, 1.1 ounces, Hiromi and Jeff Street, 12:23 a.m. July 12.

Stevensville – Boy, 8 pounds, 12.7 ounces, Kelsey Franks and Warren Walker Jr., 6:16 p.m. July 13.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH — The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Kelsy An-Marie Bonne of Niles and Steven John Dermer of Mishawaka, Ind.

Aliza Jean Bruchs of Valparaiso, Ind., and Garrett Cooper Litke of Hobart, Ind.

Elia Nicole Buller and Davide Michael Gambino, both of Three Oaks.

Julie Ann Eades and Kregg Anthony Kiel, both of Carmel, Ind.

Sarah Eileen Ferguson and Jerrico Emerson Lamberton, both of Niles.

Simone DelRay Fryer of Benton Harbor and Isaiah Fredrick Kiser of Dowagiac.

Hannah Marie Harmon of Valdosta, Ga., and Luke Robert Billing of Westmont, Ill.

Brianna Kristine Moore of Berrien Center and Nicholas Jay Winkie of Centralia, Mo.

Jamie Catherine Palmisano and Daniel George Cuthbert, both of Buchanan.

Kimberly Sue Sarasin and Bert Blankenmyer, both of South Bend, Ind.

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold lower from mostly $23-24, Golden Delicious sold from $26-29, Fuji sold for $24-24.50 with fine appearance mostly $31-32, Pink Lady brought $35, Gala fine appearance offerings sold from $39-42, and 72 size Honeycrisp of fine appearance offerings brought $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $21-22, Gala sold from mostly $22-23, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3 inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Mexico large size sold lower for $28, with standard size offerings from Peru sold lower for $23-24.50, and white offerings brought $36-38.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type hand-picked offerings from New Jersey and Ohio sold lower for $15, while Indiana offerings brought $18.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from Michigan sold for $26.50, while New Jersey offerings brought mostly $26-27. Organic offerings from California sold higher from $36-36.50. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers medium size from California sold higher from $25-26, with fine appearance offerings $28-30, while organic offerings of fine appearance sold higher for $36.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from $20-22, with organic offerings brought $30.50.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Michigan sold from $18-20, with offerings from New Jersey and Texas $18, with red type from Texas lower for $17.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold lower from $12-14, with organic offerings lower for $21.

CHERRIES: 18-pound cartons of bagged dark red sweet varieties from Washington of 10 row size sold for mostly $60-62.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color and yellow from Indiana and Georgia sold lower from $22-24.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold lower from $24-26, with selects $22-22.50, while medium offerings from Michigan brought $18 and large size $14, while carton 24s sold for $10. Pickles of 200-300 size from Michigan sold lower for mostly $23-25.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of medium eggs from Georgia sold from $14-16, with fair quality offerings $11-12.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold from mostly $25-26, with organic offerings lower for $24-24.50.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size Valencia juice oranges sold from $32-32.50.

PEACHES: 25-pound cartons loose various yellow flesh varieties from California of 48 size sold steady from $20-22, with white flesh offerings of 48-50 size sold from $23-24.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of California green jumbos sold for $32, with choppers $28. Medium-large size jalapeno peppers from Georgia sold for $16, while Hungarian wax sold for $26, Cubanelles sold for $36, and large size Long hots brought $22.

SQUASH: 1/2-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Michigan sold for $14-15, with medium size $12-14, while yellow straightneck small-medium from Ohio sold for $14 with medium size $12. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Georgia of large size acorn sold for $29.50, while medium butternut brought $22.50, and spaghetti large size sold for $34.50.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Arkansas of 4x4 size sold for $19, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Arkansas of 4x5 size sold for $18. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Mexico sold from $18-20. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Mexico sold from $18-20. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold from $17-18, with large size $16.

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Joseph J. Benak, 83, of Buchanan died July 15, 2020, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Robert "Bob" Hinz, 83, of Paw Paw, formerly of St. Joseph died July 15, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Edith Hulett, 72, of Niles died July 15, 2020, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Marjorie Lee, 98, of Niles died July 15, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Dwight Kevin Miller

April 4, 1964 - July 14, 2020

Dwight Kevin Miller, 56, of Stevensville passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at his home.

The family will be remembering Dwight privately. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Dwight was born Saturday, April 4, 1964, in Watervliet, the son of the late Edger Allen and Carolyn (Pruett) Miller Jr. Dwight served in the U.S. Army. He was a machinist by trade and had worked at Griffin Tool in Stevensville. Dwight was an avid Miami Dolphin and Florida Gator fan.

Survivors include his children, Michael (Jennifer) Miller, Gina (Emanuel Konger) Miller and Shane Miller; three grandchildren; and siblings: Duane (Dorothy) Miller, Dennis Miller, Dale Miller and Deanna (John) Mast.

Dwight was preceded by siblings, Douglas Miller and Donna Kierstead.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Service, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Willie 'Cat Daddy' Carter Jr.

Feb. 2, 1939 - July 10, 2020

Willie "Cat Daddy" Carter Jr., 81, of Benton Harbor departed this life July 10, 2020.

A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Willie was born Feb. 2, 1939, in Montgomery, Ala., to Willie and Lula Mae Carter. Brother Carter accepted Christ at an early age at the Morning Star M.B.C. in Wyatt, Mo. His mother made sure that her children went to church because she did not send them, she went with them.

Willie was raised during a time when children had to work to help support the family! Being the oldest of the 10 children, he learned early how to work and support the family. With only a fourth-grade education, Willie taught himself more than those with college degrees. At 15, Willie moved to Michigan to work the fields and would always send money home to his mother to help with his other siblings. In the early '70s he was employed by Dean's Hill Fruit Cannery until his retirement.

Through his faith in Jesus Christ he become a deacon and later God used him as a healer. Willie would lay hands on people and through Jesus they would be healed.

Willie leaves to cherish precious memories: his daughter, Emily Carter of Dowagiac; sisters, Judy Ann Carter and Mary Pickney, both of South Bend, Ind.; brother, Jessie James Carter of Atlanta; special nephews, David and Jessie Brown; special nieces, MaeMae Brown and Glendora (Felix) Campbell; and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and one brother.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross

Noon-5:45 p.m. today, Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St., St. Joseph.

Noon-5:45 p.m. Monday, Lawton Evangelical Mennonite Church, 425 Nursery St., Lawton.

Noon-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Moose Lodge, 1025 Wells St., South Haven.

11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Thursday, Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church, 400 University Blvd., Berrien Springs.

Noon-5:45 p.m. July 24, Calvary Baptist Church, 27032 Marcellus Highway, Dowagiac.

Noon-4:45 p.m. July 24, Hartford United Methodist Church, 425 E. Main St., Hartford.

Versiti Blood Center

11 a.m.-4 p.m. today, Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital, oncology room, 420 W. High St., Dowagiac.

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

2-7 p.m. Thursday, Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist Church, fellowship hall, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 112 pounds.

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Project: Exterior Re-caulking of City Hall at 700 Broad Street: seams, cracks, expansion joints and penetrations.

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The City of St. Joseph reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality in bidding and/or accept the bid or bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

Denise Westfall Deputy City Clerk

NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS:

The Grantor, Helen A. Valvoda, date of birth, July 27, 1926, of the Helen A. Valvoda Revocable Living Trust dated February 19, 2004, as amended by First Amendment to Trust Agreement dated December 6, 2004, who lived at 10429 Marquette Dr., Union Pier, MI 49129, died June 8, 2020. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Helen A. Valvoda Revocable Living Trust dated February 19, 2004, as amended by First Amendment to Trust Agreement dated December 6, 2004, will be forever banned unless presented to Donald Sanavaitis and Ann Proczek, Successor Co-Trustees, within four months after the date of publication

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: July 10, 2020

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Mokena, IL 60448
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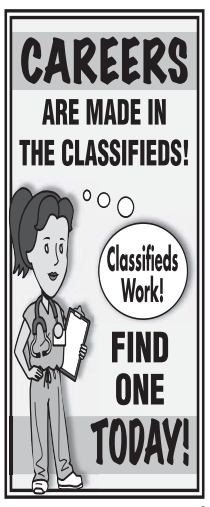

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Listen to experts, but don't lose sight of your objective. Branch out and take a step in a direction that can alter the way you do things. Step up your game, get with the times and use your imagination to stretch your boundaries and try something new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Deal with institutions and tidy up loose ends. Don't trust anyone to tend to your personal business. It's up to you to seize opportunities and make decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be patient with those who are less informed. Take care of important matters. Organize and prepare properly to make an impression and get ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let emotional issues interfere with your plans. Separate personal and professional matters and focus on one thing at a time. A change you implement will prompt a new opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You'll face a challenge today. Don't shy away, take control, do your own thing and refuse to let anyone bully you into something that doesn't appeal to you. Love is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take care of the needs of friends and relatives. Look over investments carefully and do what makes you feel comfortable. Don't spend money unnecessarily. Put your creative imagination to good use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do whatever it takes to ensure you don't give someone the wrong impression. Send a clear message and leave nothing to chance, and you will get respect and honesty in return.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A disagreement will set you back. Stay calm, look for solutions and be willing to make a change. Give others the freedom you want and go about your business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take a break, sit back, relax and pamper yourself. Clear a space that will accommodate something that you enjoy doing. Romance will bring you closer to a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't make gestures that don't reflect your true feelings. Sending someone the wrong message will put you in a vulnerable position. Be straight and tell it like it is.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your opinions to yourself until you have all the facts. Getting into a scuffle unprepared will set you back. Look for clues that will help you do what's right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Give only what's fair. If someone pushes you to dig deeper into your pockets, be prepared to walk away. You may thrive on change, but you also need to be in control.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Emotional matters will escalate if honesty doesn't prevail. Choose your words carefully to avoid being reminded of past mistakes. Don't let ego come between you and what's right.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Fifty Berrien County farm kids learned last week what to do and not do in order to make their parents' farm a safer place. The youngsters participated in the first Farm Safety Camp, conducted by the staff of Michigan State University Extension of Berrien County, at the Berrien County Youth Fair grounds in Berrien Springs.

"It went very well," said Mike Staton, county extension agriculture and natural resources agent. The purpose of the camp was twofold: to prevent farm accidents and in case of an accident, to teach the participants what do do, including emergency first aid and calling 9-1-1.

1985 – 35 years ago

The new owners of Sound Breaker Recreation Center roller-skating rink, located at 5567 Red Arrow Highway in Stevensville, will announce a new name for the business on Friday night and award a prize for the person who suggested it. Owner Marie Moses of Bristol, Ind., said prizes also will be presented to second- and third-place winners in the contest.

1970 – 50 years ago

Dr. William Cooper, who is leaving Coloma this week, announced that he has secured a husband and wife team of doctors to take over his medical practice. Renaldo Fajardo, M.D. and surgeon, and his wife, Amelia, also an M.D. specializing in obstetrics, have agreed to take over the office vacated by Dr. Cooper. They expect to arrive in Coloma on Aug. 15. Dr. Cooper said the office staff will remain basically the same for the present.

Dr. Cooper and his family are moving to Florida, where he will practice with the Veteran's Administration Center at Bay Pines.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, July 17, the 199th day of 2020. There are 167 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On July 17, 1944, during World War II, 320 men, two-thirds of them African-Americans, were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California.

On this date:

In 1717, George Frideric Handel's "Water Music" was first performed by an orchestra during a boating party on the River Thames, with the musicians on one barge, and King George I listening from another.

In 1862, during the Civil War, Congress approved the Second Confiscation Act, which declared that all slaves taking refuge behind Union lines were to be set free.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1945, following Nazi Germany's surrender, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at Potsdam in the final Allied summit of World War II.

In 1962, the United States conducted its last atmospheric nuclear test to date, detonating a 20-kiloton device, codenamed Little Feller I, at the Nevada Test Site.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms
85°	71°	89° / 77°	85° / 73°	82° / 70°	80° / 72°

Local Outlook

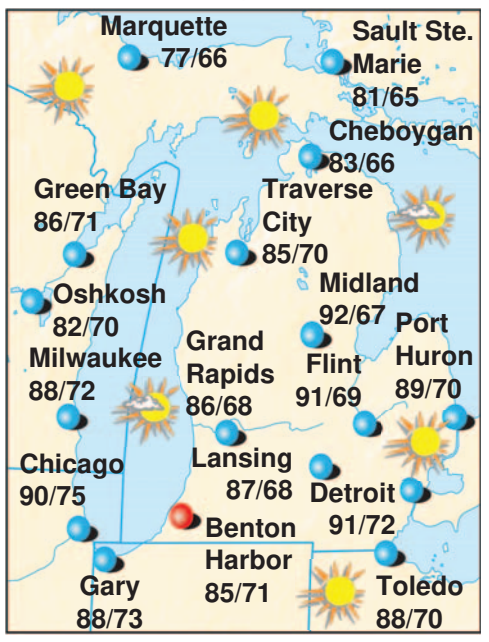
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 85°, humidity of 60%. South southwest wind 3 to 9 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 71°. South wind 3 to 7 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:25 a.m.
Sunset	9:18 p.m.
Moonrise	3:32 a.m.
Moonset	6:52 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
7/20	7/27	8/3	8/11

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	81°
Low	68°
Normal High	83°
Normal Low	63°
Record High	95° in 2012
Record Low	49° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.05"
Month to date	1.46"
Normal for month	2.28"
Year to date	23.54"
Normal Year to date	19.17"

Air Quality

Yesterday	76
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

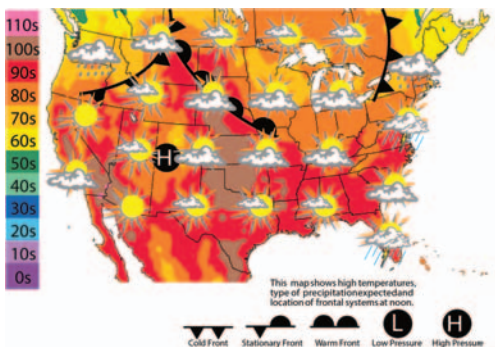
Weather Trivia

What instrument transmits weather observations on a weather balloon?

Answer: A radiosonde measures and reports temperature, moisture and pressure.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for July 17, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, SW wind 6 to 9 kt. Sunny. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 75 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds 5 kt or less. Partly cloudy. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 70s and 80s. West southwest wind 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Saturday with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 80s and 90s. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 80s and 90s. South southwest wind 3 to 9 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 80s and 90s. South wind 7 to 10 mph.

Don Campbell / HP staff

New intensive care unit rooms in the new pavilion allow easier and more efficient care for patients.

LAKELAND

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equipped with Fortress wall panels, which makes for easy clean-up. The walls also have screens built into them that can show a patient's imaging and vital signs.

"Monitors used to be mounted on the walls and you'd have to clean behind them," Cooper said. "This has really streamlined the whole process."

The materials needed for surgery, and other procedures, are sterilized in the basement central processing area and brought to each patient or operating room on carts, that are also cleaned.

"If you're doing a knee replacement, or whatever the procedure is, the cart will have the tools you need on it, and extras, and you just wheel that into the room," Cooper said.

He said moving the carts to each room prevents staff from having to go find supplies during a procedure in another room. It also removes storage cabinets from operating rooms, creating more space for the doctors and nurses.

Some of the new operating rooms have been designed as hybrids, with imaging built in, so the hospital can expand or adjust based on needs in the future.

"There's a lot of technology that we've been able to add to help turnover times, cut costs and make the procedures more efficient and more effective," Cooper said.

The pavilion also offered a huge benefit as the COVID-19 pandemic first bore down on Southwest Michigan.

"As the lockdowns were happening, and we were canceling elective procedures, we were able to rush the completion of the new addition, so we could use our old ICU for COVID patients," Cooper said.

He said special permission was even received from the state for it, and it helped the hospital be able to really isolate patients.

On Thursday, a brief ceremony was held to unveil new art in the pavilion, above the food court that opened last fall.

Andrea Luxton, president of Andrews University, presented the photos of the school's luminary event held on May 12 to honor frontline health care workers serving during the pandemic.

"It really was actually moving and I think that's an indication of the thankfulness we have to the workers that are making a difference for our community," Luxton said. "This is really just a permanent reminder of the reality of the amazing work that was done here."

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SHOREHAM

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"All the funds are there," he said. "Has there been some lack of segregation? There has. But the fact of the matter is there just aren't enough people willing to step forward and help out."

Another husband-wife team also serves on the village council – Bob and Stephanie Clarke.

Mais further said that the village's street administrator, Terry Hager, is their son-in-law and lives in their house.

Trapikas said that Mais had no problem with Hager being hired to that position. In fact, he said she's the one who made the motion to hire him.

Meanwhile, Mais said that every month, between $70 and $400 is reimbursed to the Trapikas household without there being adequate receipts.

"The reimbursement receipts have not been made available to us. And this has been asked for years ago when it began," Mais said during the meeting. "Then there's unauthorized work ordered and expenditures that are being done. And we've had these repeated requests for that reason."

For example, Mais said she would like to see the statements justifying the village spending more than $5,000 over the past few months at Staples "for an office that is open 5 hours a week, and we have 800 residents."

Trapikas said he has emailed all of the requested information to the trustees every time they have asked for something.

As far as reimbursement, Trapikas said that is a normal way for things to be done in a municipality. He said that during his 30 years as a planner with Chicago, which he retired from 16 years ago, he was often reimbursed for expenses. And he said that no money has ever been paid out without trustees first approving it.

Trapikas said he is uncertain what the next step is, regarding the forensic audit. The approved motion called for the forensic audit to be done by a firm other than the one that did the village's financial audit.

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SPIKE

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by the population.

The takeaway, Franks said, is that testing is expanding and becoming widespread.

"Despite our increased testing, we're seeing a low positivity percentage," she said. "That's a really good indicator that we're testing appropriately and we're finding those cases."

The downfall of assessing risk on a regional level is that outbreaks in one county can pull down the whole group, Franks said.

For example, Cass County was among the 10 counties with the highest per-capita number of cases reported in July so far.

The Cass County health department set up a separate testing site for individuals who attended a large house party on July 3 after five cases were linked back to the same party.

During the holiday weekend, a sandbar party at Diamond Lake in Cass County gained national attention after videos showing hundreds of people dancing together went viral. The Cass County prosecutor is asking the state to appoint a special prosecutor to look at potential criminal charges.

Local health departments are finding that younger, college-aged residents are more reluctant to answer questions or even pick up the phone when health officials are conducting contact tracing after a positive result is reported, Franks said.

"We're limited by self reporting," she said. "If someone doesn't say I went to this huge party or I'm on this sports team and doesn't give an honest exposure history, then that's a detriment to the community."

More personal events, like graduation parties or weddings, have become even more difficult to accurately trace because people don't want to admit they may have exposed their loved ones, Franks said.

Events like these are often considered super spreaders because they expose dozens of people at a time who are coming from different households and possibly spreading to different regions or states, Franks said.

"It's public health's worst nightmare," she said.

MASK

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avoid a fight.

"We want the polling place to be set up safe for them and the workers. But if they really want to avoid wearing a mask and the pressure that comes with that, they can get an absentee ballot and they can vote from home," Hanley said.

Millions in Michigan are doing just that – Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson recently announced nearly 1.7 million absentee ballots have been sent to voters this year. That far outpaces the rate for voting by mail during the last presidential election cycle in 2016. Voting by mail can cut down on the risk of spreading coronavirus at the polling place, two physicians told the Free Press this week.

In 2018, Michigan voters approved a measure that allows anyone to apply for an absentee ballot without citing a specific reason. Ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted, a Michigan court ruled Wednesday.

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List of retailers requiring masks is growing

CVS, Target join growing number of national chains with mask mandates

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Target, CVS Health and Publix Super Markets on Thursday joined the growing list of national chains that will require customers to wear face masks regardless of where cities or states stand on the issue.

Target's mandatory face mask policy will go into effect Aug. 1, and all CVS stores will begin requiring them on Monday. Publix Super Markets Inc., based in Lakeland, Florida, said that its rule will kick in on Tuesday at all 1,200 stores.

More than 80 percent of Target's 1,800 stores already require customers to wear masks due to local and state regulations. Target will hand out masks at entrances to those who need them.

The announcements come one day after the nation's largest retailer, Walmart, said that it would mandate face shields for all customers starting Monday.

Starbucks, Best Buy, Kohl's and Kroger Co. have also announced mandatory masks nationwide in recent days.

Retailers have hesitated to make masks mandatory nationwide out of fear of angering some customers over what, even in a pandemic, has become a political issue.

They have been reluctant to put employees in the position of becoming enforcers. Confrontations with customers and store employees have played out in multiple incidents caught on video.

It was difficult to enforce such rules even in states that mandate face masks. However, the recent surge of new virus cases – particularly in Florida, California, Texas and Arizona – has left them with no choice, retail experts say.

"To be clear, we're not asking our store employees to play the role of enforcer, " said Jon Roberts, the chief operating officer at CVS. "What we are asking is that customers help protect themselves and those around them by listening to the experts and heeding the call to wear a face covering."

MARKETS

July 16, 2020
Dow Jones industrials
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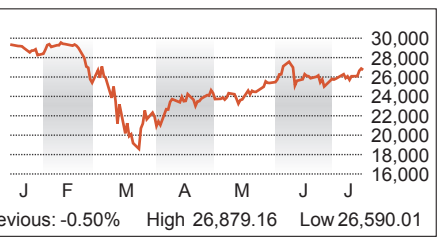

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July 16, 2020
Nasdaq composite
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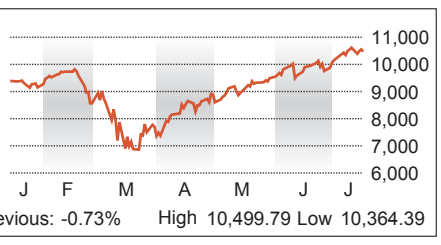

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▲ Amer Elec Power AEP
$85.09 **+.41 +.5%**
▲ **4-wk.** +4.1% ▼ **YTD** -10.0%

▲ Whirlpool WHR
$144.31 **+1.17 +.8%**
▲ **4-wk.** +14.0% ▼ **YTD** -2.2%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	30.39	+.38	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	85.09	+.41	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	192.58	399.82	386.09	-4.81	-1.2	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1149.32	+.09	...	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	41.08	23.72	-.09	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	60.33	+.59	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	46.15	-.25	-0.5	▲	▼	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	42.14	+.18	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	173.42	+1.03	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	119.43	-1.47	-1.2	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	96.63	+.92	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	77.74	44.28	-.35	-0.8	▲	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	19.16	-.01	-0.1	▲	▼	▼
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	35.29	+.33	+0.9	▲	▲	▼
FordM	F	3.96	10.56	6.86	+.12	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.05	-.09	-1.3	▲	▼	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	261.29	258.08	+.28	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	9.95	-.14	-1.4	▲	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	9.07	-.04	-0.4	▲	▼	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	178.14	168.46	+.34	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	124.01	+1.01	+0.8	▲	▼	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	100.01	+.28	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	149.25	+.99	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
Lowes	LOW	60.00	142.34	142.75	+1.53	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.93	190.92	-.85	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	130.78	216.38	203.92	-4.12	-2.0	▼	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	23.19	+.14	+0.6	▲	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	57.82	-.28	-0.5	▲	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	43.23	35.60	-.12	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	128.09	124.76	+.26	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	84.60	+.30	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	11.33	-.01	-0.1	▲	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	186.59	-2.03	-1.1	▲	▼	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	28.71	+.09	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
Target	TGT	80.03	130.24	121.95	+.28	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	141.85	142.15	+2.95	+2.1	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	119.74	+.53	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	55.78	+.72	+1.3	▲	▼	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	87.76	+.30	+0.3	▼	▼	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	134.13	132.20	+.20	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	41.35	+.67	+1.6	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	22.23	-.22	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	144.31	+1.17	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	37.19	-.26	-0.7	▲	▲	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	80.17	-.01	...	▲	▼	▲

Spacecraft's photos of the sun show 'campfires'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A European and NASA spacecraft has snapped the closest pictures ever taken of the sun, revealing countless little "campfires" flaring everywhere.

Scientists on Thursday released the first images taken by Solar Orbiter, launched from Cape Canaveral in February.

The orbiter was about 48 million miles from the sun – about halfway between Earth and the sun – when it took the stunning high-resolution pictures last month.

NASA's Parker Solar Probe is flying much closer to the sun than Solar Orbiter – too close for cameras to safely photograph the sun. Its lone camera faces away from the sun to observe the solar wind.

That's why Solar Orbiter's new pictures showing vibrant swirls of yellow and dark smoky gray – the first images from so close and at such small scale – are so precious. The team had to create a new vocabulary to name these tiny flare-ups, said European Space Agency project scientist Daniel Muller.

Muller described the observed multitude of "campfires" shooting into the corona, or sun's crown-like outer atmosphere, as quite possibly "the tiny cousins of the solar flares that we already know." Millions if not billions of times smaller, these tiny flares may be heating the corona, he said, long known to be hundreds of times hotter than the actual solar surface for unknown reasons.

The Royal Observatory of Belgium's David Berghmans, principal scientist of the instrument that captured the images, said he was blown away. He said his first response was: "This is not possible. It cannot be that good."

"It was really much better than we expected, but what we dared to hope for," Berghmans said.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Holly Dienes and Ryan Kitron, 7:11 a.m. July 10.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 5 pounds, 13 ounces, Yolanda Washington and Terrance Allen, 10:16 a.m. July 13.

Coloma – Girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, Alexandria Ellis and Jason Irvin, 6:35 a.m. July 12.

Coloma – Twin boys, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and 6 pounds, 10 ounces, Elizabeth Gray-Roll and Marcus Roll, 8:02 and 8:03 p.m. July 11.

Sodus – Boy, 8 pounds, 1.1 ounces, Hiromi and Jeff Street, 12:23 a.m. July 12.

Stevensville – Boy, 8 pounds, 12.7 ounces, Kelsey Franks and Warren Walker Jr., 6:16 p.m. July 13.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH — The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Kelsy An-Marie Bonne of Niles and Steven John Dermer of Mishawaka, Ind.

Aliza Jean Bruchs of Valparaiso, Ind., and Garrett Cooper Litke of Hobart, Ind.

Elia Nicole Buller and Davide Michael Gambino, both of Three Oaks.

Julie Ann Eades and Kregg Anthony Kiel, both of Carmel, Ind.

Sarah Eileen Ferguson and Jerrico Emerson Lamberton, both of Niles.

Simone DelRay Fryer of Benton Harbor and Isaiah Fredrick Kiser of Dowagiac.

Hannah Marie Harmon of Valdosta, Ga., and Luke Robert Billing of Westmont, Ill.

Brianna Kristine Moore of Berrien Center and Nicholas Jay Winkie of Centralia, Mo.

Jamie Catherine Palmisano and Daniel George Cuthbert, both of Buchanan.

Kimberly Sue Sarasin and Bert Blankenmyer, both of South Bend, Ind.

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold lower from mostly $23-24, Golden Delicious sold from $26-29, Fuji sold for $24-24.50 with fine appearance mostly $31-32, Pink Lady brought $35, Gala fine appearance offerings sold from $39-42, and 72 size Honeycrisp of fine appearance offerings brought $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $21-22, Gala sold from mostly $22-23, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3 inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Mexico large size sold lower for $28, with standard size offerings from Peru sold lower for $23-24.50, and white offerings brought $36-38.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type hand-picked offerings from New Jersey and Ohio sold lower for $15, while Indiana offerings brought $18.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from Michigan sold for $26.50, while New Jersey offerings brought mostly $26-27. Organic offerings from California sold higher from $36-36.50. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers medium size from California sold higher from $25-26, with fine appearance offerings $28-30, while organic offerings of fine appearance sold higher for $36.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from $20-22, with organic offerings brought $30.50.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Michigan sold from $18-20, with offerings from New Jersey and Texas $18, with red type from Texas lower for $17.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold lower from $12-14, with organic offerings lower for $21.

CHERRIES: 18-pound cartons of bagged dark red sweet varieties from Washington of 10 row size sold for mostly $60-62.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color and yellow from Indiana and Georgia sold lower from $22-24.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold lower from $24-26, with selects $22-22.50, while medium offerings from Michigan brought $18 and large size $14, while carton 24s sold for $10. Pickles of 200-300 size from Michigan sold lower for mostly $23-25.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of medium eggs from Georgia sold from $14-16, with fair quality offerings $11-12.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold from mostly $25-26, with organic offerings lower for $24-24.50.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size Valencia juice oranges sold from $32-32.50.

PEACHES: 25-pound cartons loose various yellow flesh varieties from California of 48 size sold steady from $20-22, with white flesh offerings of 48-50 size sold from $23-24.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of California green jumbos sold for $32, with choppers $28. Medium-large size jalapeno peppers from Georgia sold for $16, while Hungarian wax sold for $26, Cubanelles sold for $36, and large size Long hots brought $22.

SQUASH: 1/2-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Michigan sold for $14-15, with medium size $12-14, while yellow straightneck small-medium from Ohio sold for $14 with medium size $12. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Georgia of large size acorn sold for $29.50, while medium butternut brought $22.50, and spaghetti large size sold for $34.50.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Arkansas of 4x4 size sold for $19, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Arkansas of 4x5 size sold for $18. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Mexico sold from $18-20. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Mexico sold from $18-20. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold from $17-18, with large size $16.

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Joseph J. Benak, 83, of Buchanan died July 15, 2020, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Robert "Bob" Hinz, 83, of Paw Paw, formerly of St. Joseph died July 15, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Edith Hulett, 72, of Niles died July 15, 2020, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Marjorie Lee, 98, of Niles died July 15, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Dwight Kevin Miller

April 4, 1964 - July 14, 2020

Dwight Kevin Miller, 56, of Stevensville passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at his home.

The family will be remembering Dwight privately. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Dwight was born Saturday, April 4, 1964, in Watervliet, the son of the late Edger Allen and Carolyn (Pruett) Miller Jr. Dwight served in the U.S. Army. He was a machinist by trade and had worked at Griffin Tool in Stevensville. Dwight was an avid Miami Dolphin and Florida Gator fan.

Survivors include his children, Michael (Jennifer) Miller, Gina (Emanuel Konger) Miller and Shane Miller; three grandchildren; and siblings: Duane (Dorothy) Miller, Dennis Miller, Dale Miller and Deanna (John) Mast.

Dwight was preceded by siblings, Douglas Miller and Donna Kierstead.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Service, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Willie 'Cat Daddy' Carter Jr.

Feb. 2, 1939 - July 10, 2020

Willie "Cat Daddy" Carter Jr., 81, of Benton Harbor departed this life July 10, 2020.

A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Willie was born Feb. 2, 1939, in Montgomery, Ala., to Willie and Lula Mae Carter. Brother Carter accepted Christ at an early age at the Morning Star M.B.C. in Wyatt, Mo. His mother made sure that her children went to church because she did not send them, she went with them.

Willie was raised during a time when children had to work to help support the family! Being the oldest of the 10 children, he learned early how to work and support the family. With only a fourth-grade education, Willie taught himself more than those with college degrees. At 15, Willie moved to Michigan to work the fields and would always send money home to his mother to help with his other siblings. In the early '70s he was employed by Dean's Hill Fruit Cannery until his retirement.

Through his faith in Jesus Christ he become a deacon and later God used him as a healer. Willie would lay hands on people and through Jesus they would be healed.

Willie leaves to cherish precious memories: his daughter, Emily Carter of Dowagiac; sisters, Judy Ann Carter and Mary Pickney, both of South Bend, Ind.; brother, Jessie James Carter of Atlanta; special nephews, David and Jessie Brown; special nieces, MaeMae Brown and Glendora (Felix) Campbell; and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and one brother.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross

Noon-5:45 p.m. today, Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St., St. Joseph.

Noon-5:45 p.m. Monday, Lawton Evangelical Mennonite Church, 425 Nursery St., Lawton.

Noon-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Moose Lodge, 1025 Wells St., South Haven.

11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Thursday, Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church, 400 University Blvd., Berrien Springs.

Noon-5:45 p.m. July 24, Calvary Baptist Church, 27032 Marcellus Highway, Dowagiac.

Noon-4:45 p.m. July 24, Hartford United Methodist Church, 425 E. Main St., Hartford.

Versiti Blood Center

11 a.m.-4 p.m. today, Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital, oncology room, 420 W. High St., Dowagiac.

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

2-7 p.m. Thursday, Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist Church, fellowship hall, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 112 pounds.

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